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SUBJECT: SFM ADVANCE PARTY PLANNING SUPPORT

1. CHRISTIAN, GETTIER, LARSEN AND MAJOR BEN YAHUDA REPRE-
SENTING COL. LEVINSON DEPARTED TEL AVIV AT 0730; ARRIVED
REFIDIM AB AT 1130; CONFERRED WITH BASE COMMANDER OVER LUNCH;
DISTANT VIEW OF E-1; TO BASE SITE; TO ALTERNATE LOCATIONFOR ADVANCE
PARTY; MOVED TO CHECK POINT ALFA WHEN LARSEN AND MAJOR YAHUDA
TOOK VEHICLE BACK TO TEL AVIV. TRAVELED WITH GEN. LILJESTRAND
TO UNEF ISMAILIA THEN BY UNEF CAR TO CAIRO.

2. DRIVING AT 100 TO 120 KM PER HOUR REQUIRES FOUR HOURS
TO REFIDIM SO DEPARTURE TIME SHOULD BE ABOUT 0600 FOR
ADVANCE PARTY TO COMPLETE PLANNED ITINERARY. LARSEN MUST
OBTAIN CLEARANCES TO USE RENTED CARS TO CHECK POINT ALFA
AND GETTIER WILL COORDINATE UNEF TRANSPORT FROM THERE TO
EAST BANK OF SUEZ AND BOAT FOR PARTY. SHORT RANGE RADIOS
WILL BE OBTAINED TO COORDINATE ARRIVAL TIME. WE HAVE
RENTED 2 VEHICLES WITH DRIVERS FOR USE ON 23,24 AND 25
JANUARY.

3. COL.LEVINSON STATES IDF WILL MAKE AVAILABLE THE
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USE OF THE IDF FACILITY NEAR THE BASE SITE FOR UP TO 20 SFM

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PERSONNEL FOR THE PERIOD 23 JAN TO 10 FEB. THIS SUPPORT
INCLUDES BEDS, BEDDING AND MESSING. THE LOCATION IS ON
THE MAIN GIDDI PASS ROAD DUE SOUTH OF BASE SITE AND REDUCES
ONE WAY DISTANCE TO 12 KILOMETERS. SUPPORT WOULD BE AS GOOD
AS AT REFIDIM AND LARSEN IS PREPARED TO REQUEST SUPPORT AT THE
NEW SITE WHEN YOU APPROVE RECOMMENDED CHANGE.

4. INSPECTED PREFABS CONSTRUCTED BY MINMETALS AT RIFIDIM
AND DISCUSSED AGENTS CONSTRUCTION CAPABILITY ALREADY IN THE
SINAI. THE TRAILERS ARE SUBSTANTIAL, WELL INSULATED AND WOULD
MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSING PERSONNEL, FOR LAUNDRY AND
SHOWER FACILITIES AND FOR WATCH STATIONS. AGENT HAS CONSTRUCTED
OVER 1000 IN THE SINAI WITH A STAFF OF 80 EMPLOYEES AND A 20 TON
CRANE NOW AVAILABLE.

5. COST OF POL, MATERIALS, LABOR ARE MUCH LOWER IN
CAIRO AND COULD BE PROCURED THERE AFTER 22 FEB TO
BALANCE THE VOLUME OF EXPENDITURES BY DEC 76. WE
ARE VERIFYING VEHICLE COSTS TODAY AND WILL RECOMMEND
ACTION FOR SECOND INCREMENT OF VEHICLES TOMORROW.

6. FURNISHED QUARTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN TEL AVIV AND
CAIRO FOR RENT FOR SAFEHAVEN FAMILIES. DATES OF AVAIL-
ABILITY AND COSTS ARE BEING DEVELOPED.

7. INFORMED GEN. LILJESTRAND UNEF, THAT WE WOULD
HOUSE SFM AT REFIDIM OR ALTERNATE SITE AND THANKED UN
FOR THEIR OFFER. HE REPEATED UNEF OFFER TO SUPPORT SFM
IN ANY MANNER. HE WAS MOST CORDIAL TO GETTIER
AND ME AND PROVIDED CAR AND BOAT RIDES.

7. WILL CALL YOU TODAY AT 1100 YOUR TIME JAN 15 TO AMPLIFY THIS
MESSAGE AND DISCUSS WHERE TO MEET YOU FOR MORE DTAILED
CONFERENCE.
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